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Remarks

Claims 22–24, and 34–37 remain pending in the application. Claims 25–33 have been canceled. In the Office action dated Aug. 2, 2007, applicant was required to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted from the following groups:

Group I, claim(s) 13–21, 34–36, drawn to a method of on-line finishing of the making of paper.

Group II, claim(s) 22–33, drawn to an apparatus, a paper machine for on-line finishing of the making of paper.

Applicant elects the claims of group II, claims 22–24, and 37 with traverse.


The examiner held that the inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Claim 22 is either obvious over or anticipated by EP 0427887.

The claims have been amended to relate to a single general inventive concept: the structure and operation of the draw point 24 illustrated in FIG. 3 as situated within the finishing stages of a paper making machine. A draw point formed of a single dryer cylinder and a single drying wire is not shown in EP 0427887.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance.
Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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